Reference to the death of Her Highness Sri Vani Vilas Sannidhana.

At the outset, SRIMATHI SAKAMMA, referring to the death of Her Highness Sri Vani Vilas Sannidhana, Maharani Regent, C.I., said that the late Maharani Regent had done much to advance the cause of women and in her death the women of the State as a whole had suffered an irreparable loss. She requested that the heartfelt and sincere condolences which she was giving expression to on their behalf be conveyed to the bereaved members of the Ruling House.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR spoke as follows :—

I wish to convey to you our heartfelt and sincere thanks for the very appropriate manner in which you have made reference in your speech to the passing away of the Maharani Regent, Sri Vani Vilas Sannidhana, and to the feelings which you have given expression to on our behalf of our sense of profound sorrow. You have very rightly expressed our condolences and we wish you to convey to His Highness the Maharaja, His Highness the Yuvaraja and the other members of the Ruling House our sincere, loyal and respectful condolences in their bereavement.

Swearing in of Members.

The following members made the prescribed Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to His Highness the Maharaja and then took their seats :—

1. Mr. Sharabhanna (Anekal Taluk).
2. Mr. C. Murigappaiya (Holalkere Taluk).
3. Mr. M. S. Dyave Gowda (Koppa Taluk).
4. Mr. Hutche Gowda (Mudigere Taluk).

REPRESENTATIONS.

No. 2.—Reduction of salaries.

Mr. V. R. Chikkachannanjappa Setty, Kolar Municipality.

MR. V. R. CHIKKACHANNANJAPPA SETTY represented that in the recent orders of Government revising the scales of pay of officers and establishments, Government had done nothing to reduce the scales of pay of officers drawing more than Rs. 1,000. Government should reduce the salaries of such officers. He added that the Government had also not adopted a uniform policy in this matter. In some departments they had reduced the salaries and in others merely continued the old scales. There ought to be no such distinctions made, but all departments should be treated alike. Government had very heavy loans to discharge and they were at a loss to find out ways and means to do so. They could not expect to increase their revenues by additional taxation as the raiyats had already been taxed to the utmost limit. It was therefore necessary that in addition to seeing that future entrants into the services would be started on reduced salaries, the salaries of existing officers also should be reduced.

RAO SAHIB M. RAMASWAMI said that Government had imposed salary cuts to the extent of 10 per cent in the case of officers drawing Rs. 1,000 and above, and as such it was not correct to say that no reduction had been effected in their salaries.

Referring to the statement made in the Dewan's speech that the Government expected to save Rs. 3½ lakhs as a result of the revision of scales in the several departments of the State, MR. N. G. SANJEEVIAH asked for particulars as to how much of it would be contributed by higher officers only. He was of opinion that most of it would result from the reduction of salaries of the subordinate staff, and that even if a reduction was ordered in a few cases of higher officers, promotions had been given to such officers to a corresponding extent. The House had always suggested that revision of salaries should apply only to officers drawing high salaries. It was never its intention that the smaller officials should be mulcted of the little they were getting.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT said that it was not so and that almost the entire savings would be